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SUBJECT: A TWIST TO THE ANSARALLAH CLAIM OF
RESPONSIBILITY FOR AMIA BOMBING

REF: BEIRUT 4040

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN A BIZARRE TWIST, MUNIR MUQDAH, THE ANTI-ARAFAT LEADER OF THE AYN HILWIH PALESTINIAN CAMP IN SOUTH LEBANON, TOLD A LOCAL NEWSPAPER, IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW, THAT THE ANSARALLAH COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN SIDON JULY 22 HAD IN FACT BEEN DRAFTED IN GAZA BY MEMBERS OF ARAFAT'S INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS. HE ADDED THAT THREE PRO-ARAFAT FATAH MEN IN THE CAMP HAD BEEN ARRESTED WHEN THE GAZA LINK BECAME EVIDENT. THEY ARE CURRENTLY BEING INTERROGATED.

3. MUQDAH EXPLAINED THIS ACTION AS PART OF AN ISRAELI-AMERICAN-ARAFAT EFFORT TO CREATE A PRETEXT FOR ACTION AGAINST HIZBALLAH IN THE WALE OF THE BUENOS AIRES BOMBING. HAMBLEY

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